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SUBJECT: EVALUATION BY CHIEF OF MISSION OF PERSONNEL LEVELS

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1. I HAVE REVIEWED AGENCY STAFFING PATTERNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL, AND I BELIEVE THEY REFLECT ACCURATELY THE LEVEL REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE EMBASSY'S TASKS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT FOR DECADES EMBASSY MOSCOW HAS BEEN RESTRAINED FROM ADDING POSITIONS BY A SEVERE AND CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE. SINCE ALL HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE IS CONTROLLED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, THERE IS LITTLE PROSPECT OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THEREFORE, I BELIEVE THE PRESENT LEVELS OF CIVILIAN AGENCY REPRESENTATION HERE (STATE, USIA, AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE) APPEARS SOUNDLY JUSTIFIED, AS DO THE MODEST INCREASES OUTLINED IN MOSCOW A-68.

2. IN REVIEWING THE STAFFING OF THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE, HOWEVER, I FIND MOST ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS HAVE OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION. THIS FACT, COMBINED WITH OUR INCREASING RELIANCE ON TECHNICAL MEANS OF

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, HAVE CONVINCED ME THAT THE DAO OFFICE IS CURRENTLY OVERSTAFFED AND THAT ITS OFFICER COMPLEMENT SHOULD BE REDUCED OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS WITH ULTIMATE GOAL OF THREE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS PER SERVICE--THAT IS ONE ATTACHE AND TWO ASSISTANT ATTACHES. BASED UPON CURRENT STAFFING, THIS WOULD MEAN A REDUCTION OF THREE OFFICERS IN THE ARMY

ATTACHE OFFICE, ONE IN THE NAVY AND TWO IN THE AIR
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